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[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1865.

The Court Martial assembled this morning pursuant to adjournment. A rather lengthy discussion occurred between several members of the Commission and counsel for the accused, in relation to the admission of certain papers.

Col. Beatty last day. Yesterday.

The adjournment was made principally to enable Col. Beatty and Col. DeHart to visit their families, both of which were dangerously sick. Hitherto wards, from some reason, or else not knowing the cause of adjournment, Gen. Hooker refused to allow any members of the court to leave the city, but now that the Illinois Legislature is in session, and Gen. Hooker has no further use for the services of Col. Swords, of the 13th Illinois, he cheerfully consented to the departure of the two officers named.

The Commission then proceeded to examine Dr. Wilson, of Mississippi, then addressed the Court at some length in support of the amendment. The almost equal manner in which the Senate was divided on this question, led him to hope that a more careful and deliberate consideration of the question might possibly result in a concurrence by the Senate in the House amendment. He stanched heartily in the sentiment of the gentleman of Kentucky, Mr. Powell, who reminded that Independence and emancipation were inseparably connected in Illinois. The secession of these States he averred and abolitionism had forged the fetters of bondage in the first place. He favored the amendment proposed by the House. He wanted to give our generals as many negroes as they needed to recruit with our brave soldiers from their duties at camp, and the guarding of the public property. He stanched slaves was presented as a necessity---when it was necessary to whip back the Northern hordes, he would be willing and glad to favor that proposition, even in the conscription of the last man. He would grant to them also the liberty to the denunciation of the President on account of his proclamation, for he put the patriot of the President, still he regretted, and would not participate in this wholesale denunciation. That the President erred, he was prepared to admit, but where could we find him who had not erred? The Lincoln affair referred to by the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Powell, he considered a great error in persistently refusing to recognize Lieut. Gen. Scott's officer. He regretted Johnston to the command of the army of Tennessee, and he would ground his opposition to confidence. He hoped the President would not longer refuse to allow that tried chieftain to a position worthy his fame.

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Mr. Ashley said he had grave doubt about abolitionism and negro. They were cheap phrases but would not help us in this contest. It was 5,000,000 of people. We want recruits wherever they come from. Will the quartermaster and commissary department of the army be increased? He was sure he would not come in for three months, and if the war is to be prosecuted with vigor it must be done at that time or it will be too late to repel the attack of Gen. Lee or the great march of Sherman. If you only want to keep the rebels out of Virginia, why not let them go away in the mountain fastness, and starve? Why not ---build a wall around them? You rely upon a rebel and a straw. Is this the way to carry on war? Every man must be employed, for the purpose designated in the bill, tendered. In referring to the removal of Gen. Johnston he did not mean to say that that officer was relieved that a great calamity had befallen us. Johnston was the only man in the Army of the Tennessee in their only protection against the invasion of the enemy, and he did not exaggerate when he said that there was not a people for the restoration of that gallant chieftain to the command of that army.

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Dooley, the Secretary, was therefore instructed to destroy the records or documents which might criminate any of us, in case of arrest. At one time he lived in Chicago, and then moved to St. Louis. I saw him in Chicago on the 18th of September. I was told by Dooley that the Democratic meeting in Chicago, on the night of the 18th, was for the purpose of organizing the Democratic clubs, for the right processions. At a meeting held on Nov. 30, I was informed that a proposition had been made by Johnson to the command of the army of Tennessee, and that he would ground arms and accept peace. He hoped the President would not longer refuse to allow that tried chieftain to a position worthy his fame.

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THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERALSHIP.

When Col. Fry was appointed to the office of Provost Marshal General, it was a comparatively unimportant office. Our armies were mainly recruited by volunteers, aided by the efforts and bounties of States, counties, towns and local organizations. Volunteering was so ready a mode of filling up the army, that neither the arrest of deserters nor the equal enrollment for, and enforcement of the draft, were functions of such difficulty and importance as they have since become. But the keeping our armies full by restoring deserters, and by a just enrollment and draft, is now the leading problem of our time. The success of our future campaigns, and the very stabilities of our Generals depend upon it. There are now, according to reliable authority, two hundred thousand deserters from our armies, abroad. It is also stated, that of every 1,000 men sent into the field, upon an average 700 are discharged substantially without serving, for various causes, *one hundred desert*, 200 *decimate*, 100 are discharged at the expiration of three years' service, and sixty are killed. The desertion of one man out of five is a serious evil. At present, we believe the law allows the Provost Marshal General to offer but fifteen dollars reward for the arrest of deserters, though every new recruit costs from $500 to $600. Of course every deserter, if he returns to the army at all, will go back as a bounty-jumper encouraged by such success to desert again. The heavily bribed, if they now find that he is a deserter, have him in their power, as they can either threaten him with being informed against as a deserter, or can pay him in for a bounty. This, perhaps, accounts for the strange fact that men will steadily enlist, and pay several hundred dollars to these fresh brokers rather than receive the whole sum from a Ward's Committee.

Nothing but a secret understanding between the bounty-brokers and the bounty-jumpers, which reduces desertion to a business account for its prevalence, or for the large share of the bounty needlessly paid to recruits. The evil demoralizes the army, and it is the business of the Provost Marshal General to stop it, or if the legislation of Congress is inadequate, to call for further legislation, and insist upon it by such arguments as the experience of his office places at his command, until the evil is rectified.

Again, the enrollment is so badly taken that any well informed man could assess the quotas of the various localities more evenly and justly than is done as a result of the enrollment. We have pointed out some of the inequalities in another article. There is no room to deny their injustice. The Provost Marshal General's office is in our judgment responsible for that injustice. It requires further or improved legislation. Such legislation must be pointed out by the General with the light furnished by his experience. This has not been done, and the consequence is that many local offices are called upon for hundreds of men to be furnished at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars more than their proportion. So manifest is this injustice, that no sooner is a draft ordered and quotas assigned, than delegations from a dozen or more States, from scores of districts immediately besiege the office of General Fry for transfer of credits. Quite frequently these applications succeed. One county comes on and another goes up, as in the case of New York city, which a few days ago rose from 4,000 to 9,000, by a stroke of the Provost Marshal General's pen. In short, the business of the enrollment of citizens and the assignment and correction of quotas is a confused and inextricable jumble, in the correctness of which nobody has any faith whatever.

A less personal indictment against the present department is the entire failure of our last call for 300,000 men. No sooner was the call made than Col. Fry was besieged by the representatives of the various States and districts with two hundred and fifty thousand of the two hundred and fifty-three thousand asked through Col. Fry's figures of good-natured credits to the various States. One hundred and fifty thousand of their way into our armies. A vast number of these were paid a few of them several times and passed their way between the recruiting office and the camp. While Col. Fry has done his part well to fill his office, the office has grown the dimensions of his administrative skill. It is into the entire Departments of and of War in the importance and of duties. The effort was made Fry equal to the task, and by him to be Brigadier General; but succeed.

We better way express our estimate the importance of this position ing that it requires and deserves of Benjamin F. Butler. He will able, without security, to re- ers to the army, and the mass ople of the North would rather ass assigned according to his n to Col. Fry's enrollment, by abarate mass of falsehood and in is arrived at only after the ex- of millions of dollars.

ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW.

principle of law applicable to every- except law making itself, that fraud and filthy all that it touches. We wonder why this principle should not tended to legislation; on the contrary if once conceded that bribery and corrupare liable to occur in legislation—and with their eyes open or even shut can it the fact—the reason for annulling every ne species of which has been obtained fraudulent means, applies with far more force to legislative acts than to private contracts, because the latter are virtually a contract between all the members of a State while ordinary agreements affect only a few. Our members of the Legislature for instance are trustees for the people, executors of their will and administrators upon their effects. Now if the trustee of a new persons by bribery is induced to enter into a contract to their detriment, he becomes a criminal, and the contract is void. But if he be a trustee for the millions of persons, or in other words a member of the Illinois Legislature, and corruptly, with a bribe in his pocket, makes a contract *i. e.* passes an act to their prejudice, the fraud is no sooner perpetrated than it is hallowed by all the sanctity of law. The rotten and corrupt thing takes its place on the statute book, and insults the nostril and strains the ermine of every righteous judge without his power to disarm it of its power by investigating its turpitude. This is all wrong. It should be a fundamental principle of law that no act passed by corruption and bribery is law.

Every act should be as open to inquiry upon this question of fact as it now is upon the question of law as to its constitutionality. Every court should be at liberty to entertain the plea and hear evidence, where a public or private statute is involved or plead, showing that the act passed by the votes of a bribed majority. The Attorney General of the State should be empowered to file an information against any act for the purpose of setting it aside for corruption or fraud, with a proper provision for its defense by the parties interested or desirous to defend it. Finally, every tax payer should be at liberty at his own expense to test the same question as to every act which affects his interests as a tax payer.

In whatever manner the question of the validity of an act should arise before a court, full liberty to examine members of the Legislature and all other persons under oath as witnesses, by deposition or by commission, should be allowed, and none of them should be privileged from answering a question by the plea that the answer might tend to convict him of crime, though the answer might be excluded from use against himself on a personal prosecution. We believe that such a law annulling the fruits of fraud and laying the parties open to detection and exposure upon their own sworn testimony, would do much to correct the wholesale corruption that has at all times to a greater or less extentatained the current of legislation. It may be too much, however, to ask legislators to pass laws for their own detection, punishment and exposure in crime.

THE CONDITION OF MEXICO.

By the evidence afforded by a gentleman who has had superior means of obtaining information relative to the present condition of Mexico, by personal contact with the people of that country, in which he is largely interested, we are satisfied that the position of Maximilian in that country is even more precarious than is generally supposed. Maximilian governs as far as his pickets extend. To go outside of them in any part of Mexico is to be taken prisoner by the Juarez troops, who, though numerically overborne, represent the Mexican people. All the large, a force composed of Northern troops, without a cent, Californians, Sonorans, Chihuahuans, Durangos and Chalcos, have finally enlisted with Maximilian because it seemed to enlist the Juarez government, after the manner he is in office. Hence only a majority of the troops have remained with the Emperor. Many have deserted to the Juarez forces, and are now in the field against him. There are not more than one in ten of the Mexicans who are in favor of Maximilian, and the Mexicans are fast learning that instead of wealthy disbursers of money, they have imported a penniless and bankrupt adventurer, followed by a train of needy and beggarly mendicants, who are eating out the substance of the people without bringing to them either brains or cash in compensation. The Empire is an exotic in a wintry climate and on a barren soil, and don't thrive. Maximilian sought to get money out of the Mexicans. The Mexicans were thinking to get money out of Maximilian. They sat at the game very pleasantly until each found that the other was as poor as himself. Meanwhile, the people of our Pacific States have just what they both need, and between them and the Mexicans the most friendly feeling exists. California alone would drive Maximilian from Mexico if our government would give our permission.

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of Illinois has practically concluded the only good thing relating to chartered corporations that it has done this session. Very early in the session the House adopted a resolution, on the motion of Mr. Brown, of Winnebago, requiring every bill granting charters for new railroads or additional privileges to old ones, to contain a clause making such railroads subject to any law of a general character hereafter enacted by the General Assembly, regulating the tariffs of said railroad for the transportation of freight and passengers. That resolution has been practically rescinded, and things are now going in helter skelter.

We expected this. A Legislature which would pass the Chicago horse railway bill may do anything. The bars of decency being down, the lawless majority may go wild in any direction. The only acceptable thing they can now do is to adjourn. We doubt if they will do even that while there is anything left which a wealthy corporation may desire to steal. We beg them, for the sake of public morals, to take all there is left, and go home. No price that can be paid will be too dear, which shall remove so great a scandal from public view.

In this connection we call the attention of our readers to the wholesome comments of the Peoria *Transcript* on the horse railway swindle. The *Transcript* does not wonder that Mr. Chas. H. Reed holds the Illinois Legislature in contempt when it assumes to examine into the corruptions of its predecessors.

AN EIGHTY MILLION JOB IN CONGRESS.

There is now before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives a memorial from thirty-two contractors with the Navy Department, for hulls and steam machinery, asking of Congress an appropriation for their benefit, of a sum not exceeding twenty per cent of the amount of their contracts, to indemnify them for alleged losses on those contracts, incurred, as they assert in their memorial, by reason of the action of Congress in depreciating the currency and thus causing an advance in the cost of materials and labor. The amount of these contracts, dating from 1861 to 1864, with the Bureau of "Steam Engineering" is about twenty millions, with the "Bureau of Construction" about forty millions, and with the Department direct, say ten millions, making an aggregate in round numbers of eighty millions. These contractors being, one in Maine, three in Boston, two in Providence, one in Hartford, thirteen in New York, one in Newburg, N. Y., four in Philadelphia, one in Chester, Pa., four in Baltimore, bring a powerful lobbying influence to bear on the Eastern members, and if the Treasury is to be resorted from this raid of the contractors it must be done by the fidelity of our Western members. We shall hold them to their responsibility on this point. Of course not one cent of this vast sum should be paid. At the time they made the contracts many others stood ready to take the same contracts on the same terms, and if these parties have not found them profitable we have only to say that the part of the contract that the contractors should find them profitable. When contractors make three or four prices out of the Government they never return either of them, and is it to be established as a precedent that when the contractor makes money he is to keep it, and when he fails to make money the Government is to make up to him whatever is expected? This destroys the whole argument and reason for doing any thing whatever by contract. A contract supposes that the contractor is to rely upon his economy, energy and skill to make a profit out of his contract, though he take it at the lowest terms offered. But if the contractor is to be enriched by special Congressional bonuses independent of the contract, what need of the contract system? It has all the evils of the contract system without its compensating advantages.

But these contractors charge that Congress has by over-issuing the paper of the government depleted the currency. But to whom has Congress ever issued it except to this same class of contractors? We have been fattening out of the war so luxuriously and plethorically as they? They are bloated from needy speculators into millionaires by this same "over issue" of paper currency.

Finally, their contracts were made after this over-issue of paper currency had begun, and when it was anticipated that it would be fully as great as it has been. They were all made by shrewd business men in full view of a depreciation of currency, and a rise in prices at least as great as have occurred. They, therefore, of course, made their estimates on which their contracts are based so as to cover these facts, and *their fair profits are in the contract price*. It is not to be supposed that these shrewd ship-builders are such children as to be incompetent to read the "baby act" on these contracts. Of course what they want is that the Prices committee should recognize the validity of their claim so something by appointing a commissioner to investigate the question of the amount of their losses. Of course they could be performed the work so as to show a loss, and yet realize a profit. This would be the easiest game in the world and very honorable men could be found to play it where the stakes are eighty millions of dollars. All contractors with private parties during the same time have had to sustain the burden caused by the depreciation of the currency. Why should contractors with the Government be made an exception? There is no reason whatever for it. The currency which pays the soldier in the army his paltry sixteen dollars a month is good enough for these contractors, whose pile of "greenbacks" is already so high that they can't see over it. Let our Senators and Representatives look to this bill, and put so heavy a foot on it that no similar scheme of plunder will ever come before them again.

QUOTAS OF ILLINOIS AND OHIO.

The revised quota of Illinois, under the call of the President for 300,000 men dated Dec. 19, is 32,932. The quota of Ohio under the same call is announced to be 26,037 men, or 6,895 less than ours. This is most extraordinary when it is borne in mind that the population of Ohio exceeds that of Illinois by upwards of 700,000, and the legal voters by 125,000. We should like to ask Provost Marshal General Fry how he makes out that a State containing 1,711,000 inhabitants, and casting 368,000 votes, should be called on to furnish nearly seven *thousand* more men than another Western State containing 2,400,000 inhabitants and casting 476,000 votes? This sort of figuring, however, is in perfect harmony with the slaundering incompetency which characterizes and disgraces the management of the Provost Marshal General's office.

If the quota of Ohio is correctly estimated, at 26,037, then the quota of Illinois should not exceed 19,000. If Ohio is properly assessed, Illinois is called on to furnish 14,000 more men than her just proportion. But if the quota of Illinois is correctly made out, then that of Ohio is too small in proportion. If Illinois should furnish 32,932 men, Ohio ought to be called on for 44,000 instead of 26,037. It cannot be pleaded that Ohio, like some of the New England States, has a relative surplus of old men and females. The proportion of arms-bearing men is as great as in Illinois. Young men are as numerous in Cincinnati as in Chicago. The county of Hamilton which contains 60,000 more population than the county of Cook, is called on to furnish only 5,143 men, while this county is required to produce upwards of 3,000 men. Such blundering is perfectly outrageous and inexcusable. Our State authorities should not tamely submit to it; and we also call the attention of our members of Congress to this subject. It is their duty to take steps to enforce the correction of these monstrous errors. We think it about time the attention of the President and Secretary of War was called to the gross incompetency of the officer in charge of the Conscription Bureau. The rights of the people are manifestly unsafe in his keeping.

☞ A curious and interesting incident occurred at Norfolk, Va., recently. Some eight or nine years since, a Mrs. Douglas, who went from Washington to Norfolk to teach a young ladies' day school, and who occupied some of her leisure evening hours teaching "little niggers" the alphabet, was arrested and arraigned before Judge Richard R. Baker, and by Him sentenced to the end the day soon. Well, the world has moved now, and the future sure of compensation! Mrs. Douglas is vindicate the long-forgotten Mrs. Douglas Judge Underwood, among other official edicts, issued a process of confiscation to the United States Government of the "goods, chattels, lands, hereditaments," &c., of the aforesaid Judge Richard H. Baker, now a pest. ilent rebel, and at this time holding court for Jeff. Davis at Petersburg. The Judge's estates are large, and his library (among the things seized) is said to be the most valuable of any in Virginia. So is history and humanity, justice and liberty vindicated.

☞ We find the following in the official proceedings of the State Senate on Tuesday last:

Mr. Bushnell on leave introduced the following joint resolution:

WHEREAS, The Federal Congress has recently passed a law for the improvement of the Illinois and Michigan Canal and of the Illinois river, so as to make the same navigable for lake and river craft, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that we most respectfully request his Excellency Governor Oglesby, to take such action in the premises as shall secure to this State all the benefits and privileges contemplated by the said act and advise this General Assembly what, if any, action is required by this body to carry into effect the provisions of said act of Congress.

The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

We were not aware that the "Federal Congress" had passed any such law as that mentioned in Mr. Bushnell's resolution, and we trust the House not will concur in the joint resolution and thereby put such a mark of public ignorance on our official records. We should presume that Mr. Bushnell intended to say "whereas the Federal House of Representatives" have done so and so, but for the express terms of the resolution which request his Excellency Governor Oglesby to do certain things rendered necessary by this "*act of Congress*."

Union Stock Yard and Transit Bill.

The following was the vote of the House of Representatives at Springfield on Tuesday last on the motion to recommit the Union Stock Yard an Transit bill:

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Banks and Corporations, reported back Senate bill for an act to incorporate the Union Stock Yard and Transit Company, with amendments, and recommended its passage as amended.

Mr. Cook, of Cook, moved that the amendment and bill be laid on the table.

Mr. Hopkins moved to lay the motion on the table, which was done—yeas 85, nays 36.

Mr. Mann moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

Mr. Wike moved to lay the motion on the table, which was agreed to—yeas 67, nays 38.

YEAS—Messrs. Arnett, Benson, Brown, Barnett, Curtis, Deickman, Dolton, Ford, Gobbis, Hill, Holycke, Hopkins, Jones, Johnson, Jones, Johnson, James, Kerley, Lake, Logan, McCoy, McDonald, McIntyre, Middlesworth, Miller of Logan, Miller of Madison, Merrill, Mercer, Oglesby, Neece, Patton, Perry, Randall, Redmond, Saltonstall, Sharon, Shelby, Smith, Springer, Stevenson of Cook, Stevenson of Marion, Strode, Thielen, Thicher, Ward, Webb, Wike, Wood, Yeargain—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnsback, Bond, Barchard, Childs, Cook of Cook, Cook of Woodford, Corbin, Dunn, Harrison, Ishmael, Jones, Lloyd, Mann, Martin, Miller of Lasalle, Miller of Washington, Morse, Niles, Noble, Payne, Plackney, Platt, Pugh, Simpson, Stacy, Sawvell, Thomas, Warner—38.

Rather Sly!

The following telegraphic colloquy took place between a prominent Republican in Washington, and the editor of the *Independent* in this city:

"WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Can the *Independent* be turned into a daily paper as an organ of peace through war and not negotiation?"

Whereto the editor replied as follows:

"NEW-YORK, Feb. 8.—The *Independent* will consent to receive commissioners on the subject."

☞ Hon. Joseph Segar will, it is understood, present his credentials on Monday or Tuesday, as a Senator from the State of Virginia. This will force a decision of the question by that body whether the State is entitled to recognition. She has no representatives in the House, those who represented themselves as members have been ruled out. It is known there are three States in what has been called the "Old Dominion," namely, the Governments at Wheeling, Richmond and Alexandria; and it is the case of the last named now in controversy.

☞ The fact of President Lincoln and Secretary Seward meeting the representatives of the rebels on ship board in the waters of the Chesapeake is one of the marked features of the war without a historical precedent. Napoleon, it will be remembered, once met the Emperor of Russia and the King of Prussia upon a raft moored in the center of the river Niemen, a little below the town, June 25th, 1807, and there signed the Treaty of Tilsit, which put an end to a long and bloody war.

☞ A Toronto correspondent of the Albany *Journal* writes that he has it from the best authority that a fleet of gunboats has been lying in Quebec for some time, ready to be dispatched upon the lakes as soon as the navigation opens. They have been shipped from England during the past year, and three simply to be put together to be ready for immediate use.

ITEMS.

Tennyson repudiates his baronetcy.

A 400,000 opera house is to be built in Marseilles.

A Polish exile has been made King of a tribe of Kaffirs.

There are six negro churches in Savannah.

It will cost Italy $5,000,000 to move her capital.

Irish crab is the latest Parisian dish.

The London Zoological Gardens have got a live porpoise.

A hotel on Staten Island was enlivened recently by a flogging administered to a slanderer by an enraged female.

The last new wrinkle of the Boston ladies is long gold pendants for the ears *a la* their grandmothers.

Skates are $50 a pair in Baltimore.

Louis Napoleon is a capital skater; Eugenie isn't.

A great English countess has eloped with her coachman and arrived in Paris.

Wood is $9 per cord in Vermont.

Gov. Gilmore, of New Hampshire, has the dyspepsia.

There is a petroleum exchange in Antwerp.

The British Government is using petroleum for generating steam.

Paul Morphy, the chess player, is practicing law in New Orleans.

Loss goods were sold in New York during January than at any similar period for five years.

Hiram Sibly pays the heaviest tax in Rochester, N. Y., his income being $69,919.

The American chapel at Paris is prospering finely.

A Christian church has been established in Japan.

There are one hundred and fifty churches on the west coast of Africa.

A man in Dryden, N. Y., lost his wife Sunday, married his servant girl Monday, and both went to the funeral Tuesday.

There are one hundred and twenty officers holding the Waterloo medal.

Another telescopic cormet in Virgo has been discovered.

The winter in Edinburgh has been very severe.

An infant recently arrived in Boston bears the name of "Constitutional Amendment." Let him be ratified immediately.

"Recollections of Meyerbeer" by Grumelson is soon to be published.

A working women's college is soon to be established near London.

Hawthorne's works are all to be published in Paris.

Mdme. Renan is a niece of Ary Scheffer.

A statue to "Christopher North" is to be erected in Edinburgh.

All the posthumous papers of Heinrich Heine have been bought by the Austrian Government.

The Pope received several thousand cigars as a present from Havana. He gave them to Gen. Montebello as he is no smoker.

Paris has got a new sensation: Small pox.

A statue of Vercingetorix, the celebrated Gallic Chieftain is to be erected in Alise where he made a desperate resistance to Julius Cesar.

Five new original English operas were given in London last year, viz: "She Stoops to Conquer," "Helf elfyn," "Love Runsom," "Bride of Song," and "Punchinello."

La Favorita has been recently produced at Rome, but the Pope's censor was obliged to spoil the libretto and the score.

Savannah is besieged by traders, but there is no money there.

The Treasury Department is about to issue fractional currency on a material impervious to water and as tenacious as parchment.

Banting biscuits to aid in the diminution of the body are the latest novelty.

One of the bells in Fitchburg, Mass., which rang a glad peal for freedom the other day, used to ding dong for slaveholders in Louisiana.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

IMPORTANT FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The Fighting of Sunday and Monday.

REPORTED EVACUATION OF RICHMOND.

Rebel Views of the Peace Conference.

FROM GRANT'S ARMY.

The Fighting of Sunday and Monday—Gallant Gen. Hatch Wounded—Rebel Repulse—The Losses, Etc., Reported Evacuation of Richmond.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The *Herald's* City Point dispatch of the 7th says: "The enemy abandoned the ground in front of the 2d corps that he had previously attempted to occupy and drive us from, and left his dead to fall into our hands. Burial parties were busy all day in giving them the last rites. We are still holding and intend to hold, all the ground in the direction of Hatcher's Run.

"The losses of yesterday and day before are, in killed and wounded, about 500 in the 2d corps, and probably not far from 800 on the 5th corps. The loss of the latter is estimated much higher by many, but I think it will not greatly exceed these figures.

"Brigadier General H. E. Davies, commanding a brigade of cavalry, is slightly wounded. Major Forsyth, on General Gregg's staff, is severely wounded.

"It was reported last evening that the front that the cavalry, which had advanced to Dinwiddie Court House beyond the Boydtown plank road, have captured a large quantity of cotton and tobacco, and about a hundred horses, said to belong to Bradley Johnson's command.

"It is gratifying to observe by our officers and soldiers that the enemy do not fight as well as formerly, and it is to a great extent attributed to the wholesale desertions of General Lee's army, which keep them in constant motion, marching from one threatened point to another, only to return again, until they become disheartened and dispirited, ready to throw down their arms and yield themselves prisoners whenever opportunity offers.

The *Herald* says it was rumored in Washington yesterday that the War Department had received intelligence that Gen. Lee had commenced the evacuation of Richmond, and it was supposed that these movements of the Army of the Potomac were designed to cut him off on the South Side Railroad. Our dispatches state that it has been authoritatively ascertained that Lee has up to the time at least, sent very few of his troops south.

The New York *World's* special, 7th, says: "Gregg's cavalry on the left of the 5th corps was gallantly repulsed by Ayre's division, with considerable loss to the enemy. The left of the 5th corps rests on the Boydtown plank road, and the entire front of the 5th and 2d Corps are being strongly fortified to the left of the old fortified position, which is held by the 5th Corps."

Gregg's cavalry is still on a reconnoissance towards the Southside Road.

"The whole number of rebel prisoners taken up to last evening is about 800.

"A snow storm prevails this morning."

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The New York *Tribune's* correspondent from the battle field, dated Feb. 6, this afternoon, which is the latest received, says: "Just before dark, the evening previous, our troops gallantly repulsed a desperate charge made by the rebels. The left of the 5th corps rests on the Boydtown plank road, and our entire front was being strongly fortified. The correspondent gives no indications of any success whatever on the part of the enemy, but that we have advanced, and bravely hold the ground they have taken."

REBEL ACCOUNT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Late Richmond papers have the following:

PETERSBURG, Feb. 6.—The enemy demonstrated severely on our right. Our pickets on Gen. Jordan's front were driven in early this morning, and a portion of the enemy's force crossed the Vaughan road and crossed Hatcher's Run. Some skirmishing took place during the day, but the movement is not developed. The enemy's trains have been running incessantly for the last two nights, in a direction from Petersburg, commencing at 7 o'clock last night. The heaviest cannonading that occurred for two weeks took place on the left, caused by the enemy shelling our Chesterfield works. No casualties."

FROM LOUISVILLE.

Kentucky State Troops—Fusses Brewing for Nashville—Illness of Hon. Andrew Johnson.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 9.—The recent military order disbanding the State troops has been rescinded by direction of the War Department.

Passes from Nashville are now required for all persons leaving this city for Nashville and points south.

The Vice President elect is seriously indisposed, having been confined to his bed for several days.

Exchange of Prisoners.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The *Herald's* Fortress Monroe correspondent states that arrangements have been made for a complete exchange of all soldiers, including colored troops. The transfer will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible till all are exchanged. The steamer will take place at Aiken's Landing, on Jethro River, and boats will run regularly between Annapolis and that place.

Award of Army Contracts.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Col. Hayes, Commissary of this department, made contracts yesterday for 500,000 pounds super-dried hams, etc.; 150,000 do of flitches, and 500,000 pounds of bacon shoulders, the previous contracts; 800,000 pounds of brown sugar was also awarded at 21½c.

Pike Bros. have ninety-three bales of cotton arrived here yesterday.

Kentucky and the Amendment.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 9.—Governor Bramlette, in his message to the Legislature in relation to the proposed ratification of the Federal Constitution, yields to the amendment, but thinks the National Government lacks the power to liberate the slave; millions of dollars, the estimated value of her slaves in 1864, as consideration for Kentucky's assent thereto.

The Rebel Dr. Gwin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Gwin, steamer from Havana, Feb. 4, has arrived here. The reports about Dr. Gwin's being made Duke, &c., caused merriment in Havana. Gwin is in Havana, and is going to Europe, having sailed with Maximilian.

HOW THE HORSE RAILROAD BILL WAS PASSED.

What Outsiders Think of It.

[From the Peoria Transcript, Feb. 7.]

The passage of the Chicago horse railroad bill by the Illinois Legislature, over the Governor's veto, and in defiance of the expressed wishes of a majority of the people of Chicago, is a subject of grave importance to the people of the State. The matter was one of purely local interest. Its original passage had been vehemently protested against by mass meetings of the people of Chicago. The Governor had vetoed it. A majority of the Cook county members in the Legislature were against it. The bill itself was an anomaly—stepping out entirely from the line of any recognized legislation, and conferring a perpetual lease on a chartered monopoly. And notwithstanding all this, an overwhelming majority of both branches of the Legislature persisted in forcing the measure through.

We suppose these are not ten honest men outside of Chicago, unless they own stock in the Horse Railroad, who care two straws about the subject so far as it relates to the sales of this interest at the present market rate of speculation. The whole and the sum of the matter exclusive of interest, is about seven per cent. At the expiration of two and one-half years the 7-30 bonds are converted into 6-20 gold bearing bonds—*i. e.*, two and one-half years hence they are 5-20 six per cent gold bearing bonds. The difference in value then, between the two should be the difference in value for two years at one-half six per cent per annum, or three per cent. For the whole term, and seven and three-tenths per cent in legal tenders, gold annually, or eighteen and two-tenths per cent for the five-year term.

I think is a high rate, to say that gold will rule at an average of 150 for a period of two years and a half from the present time; concede, however, that it will, and this will make the value of fifteen dollars of interest received in coin worth twenty-five and 50-100 dollars in legal tenders received on a 5-20 bond, against eighteen and 25-100 dollars in legal tenders received on a 7-30 note—a difference in favor of the 5-20 bond of four and 25-100 dollars, which is the value of the one per cent premium which the present date is valued above, seven dollars. Add to this sum the interest on his premium at 7 per cent per annum for two and one-half years, and the premium paid will amount to $4.38 25-100. Now, what other localities? What guaranty have the people of any city or section that *their* rights will not be as wickedly legislated away? Instead of electing men to serve the people they are electing men to rob them. Those whom we choose to legislate for us, are legislating against us. Is not the passage of this Horse Railroad bill, then, one of grave importance to the people of Illinois? We think it is, and we think the press and the people ought to let those who done this deed to understand it. Not that they care for the Horse Railroad, or those interested for or against it; *but because of the bribery and corruption* used to pass the bill. It is a subject for no wonder the Lawyer Reed holds such a body in contempt, and refuses to testify concerning pestilentiary abuses, while it is a subject for wonder that men, with the evidences of their own corruption standing out in bold relief to the people, should have the assurance to probe the corruption of their predecessors.

In this connection, we congratulate the people of this Legislative District that their Representatives were not within the circle concerned in this measure. Messrs. Dunn and McCoy both voted nay.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 9, 1865.

The nervousness of gold, and the want of confidence in prices render the general markets very quiet. In all branches of trade and commerce, there is a strong disposition to contract, and this is exemplified howbeere more clearly than in the produce markets. The demand at present is almost entirely confined to the requirements of local speculators. But few orders are being received from the East for anytaing, and the prices there, with the high rate of freight, prevent shippers from making ventures in those markets.

To-day the produce markets were a shade firmer than yesterday, but there was an evident lack of life and activity. Almost every article seemed to drag, and sales were slow. The demand for money was more moderate, and the bankers accommodated their customers only to a limited extent, at the usual rate of discount, viz: 10 per cent per annum. The street rates are firm at 9@3 per cent per month.

The demand for Eastern Exchange continues quite active and the supply unusually light. Under these circumstances rates remain firm at par buying and a premium selling.

Gold opened this morning at 214 and closed at 8 p. m. at 213. The following are the quotations telegraphed to James Boyd, gold broker:

	1st Bd.	2d Bd.
10:30	214	213
10:45	213	213
11:00	213	213
11:15	213	213
11:30	213	213
12:00	213	213

Here the market opened at 213, decreased to 212, at which it closed steady. Silver was nominal at 196@200. Five-twenties were firm at 109½ buying and 109¾ selling. Ten-forties were quiet at 101¼ buying and 101¾ selling.

In spite of the activity in recruiting, a large quantity of Cook County Bonds were suddenly thrown on the market, and they fell at one time as low as 75@75c, but subsequently rallied to 85c. We would suggest that Ward Committees, in view of the pressure on the street pressing the market with bonds, that they give them to some reliable broker to sell on the Stock Exchange or elsewhere. There is no other way they should be used at such a discount.

In New York money is offered in great abundance on call, with good collaterals at 6 per cent: but it is difficult to sell commercial paper at a discount of 6@12 per cent.

—The following are the nominal rates for exchange in New York: Bankers' Sterling, sixty days, 109½; Bankers Sterling, three days, 110@111; Merchants' Sterling, 108@108½; France, 5.10@5.12.

The returns of the Bank of England for the week ending January 18, compares with the statement of the previous week as follows:

	Jan. 18.	Jan. 11.
Public deposits	£4,713,325	£ 4,168,454
Other deposits	18,713,289	18,695,409
Government securities	11,981,511	11,775,000
Other securities	11,746,311	11,722,787
Notes in circulation	20,402,395	20,710,705
Specie and cullion	14,997,395	15,166,997

The Bank of England returns show that the private deposits, which were swelled on the 11th of January by no less a sum than £2,939,189 by the payment of the dividends, declined on the 18th, £1,816,301. There is also a decrease shown of £286,991 in the government deposits. The falling off in the Bank's discount and loan business, however, is attested by the further diminution of £1,-966,607 in the private securities, and thus the decline in the reserve is limited to £196,276. The coin and bullion increased £70,597. At the corresponding date of last year, the reserve was £1,-221,680 less and the bullion £1,194,118 less.

The following table shows the value of the weekly imports of Dry Goods at New York for eighteen weeks past, compared with the corresponding period a year ago:

	1864.	1865.
Oct. 6	$1,760,814	$730,179
13	1,776,555	1,077,351
20	1,787,165	1,107,351
27	1,707,591	1,161,041
Nov. 3	1,707,591	1,161,041
10	1,707,591	1,161,041
17	1,707,591	1,161,041
24	1,707,591	1,161,041
Dec. 1	1,707,591	1,161,041
8	1,707,591	1,161,041
15	1,707,591	1,161,041
22	1,707,591	1,161,041
29	1,707,591	1,161,041
Jan. 5	1,707,591	1,161,041
12	1,707,591	1,161,041
19	1,707,591	1,161,041
26	1,707,591	1,161,041
Feb. 2	1,707,591	1,161,041
9	1,707,591	1,161,041
Eighteen weeks	$29,001,997	$21,...,...

The above exhibit shows a much healthier state of affairs than we expected. If there is a corresponding falling off in the importations of other classes of goods, it is not at all strange that foreign exchange should be a drug in New York, and that gold should struggle as it has done during the past ten days to keep above 200. When we consider that the Dry Goods trade alone during the past eighteen weeks received $29,000,000 less of foreign exchange we gold than it did a year ago there is nothing to be wondered at when gold be-

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

THE CITY.

THE HORSE RAILWAY SWINDLE.

BRYAN HALL LAST EVENING—ENTHUSIASTIC DENUNCIATION OF THE PLOT AND ITS ABETTORS.

Report of the Citizens' Committee—Their Visit to Springfield—What they saw and Heard There.

Stirring Addresses by Col. Van Arman, Wirt Dexter, E. C. Larned and others.

THE RESOLUTIONS—GOOD AND TRUE MEN WANTED—THANKS AND BLAME.

OMNIBUS LINES TO BE RUN.

A mass meeting of Citizens was held in Bryan Hall last evening for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee recently appointed to visit Springfield to oppose the final passage of the Horse Railroad Swindle over the Governor's veto, and also to take such other steps, as might seem requisite to prevent the successful consummation carried out to the great injury of the city. The Hall was well filled, and entire unanimity of feeling on the subject prevailed.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Grant Goodrich, on whose nomination H. G. Miller, Esq., was chosen Chairman, and M. C. Parsons Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman said that some two weeks since the community was startled with the intelligence that some of the most valuable franchises were being given away from the city to a number of four companies for the mere asking of a century without any of those restrictions which should at least be imposed. A memorial was presented to the Common Council, and appointed a committee to wait on the Governor, and solicit him to withhold his signature from the iniquitous bill. The next day's petition was signed by nine thousand citizens, asking the Governor to veto the bill. That petition was taken to Springfield by a Committee; they were received with every respect, but were told clearly by those who voted for the bill, that it was the people if for its act alone. [Applause.] But the Legislature had passed the bill over the Governor's veto. They had met, then, to hear the report of the Committee who had gone to Springfield, so as to take the best course now to be pursued. Hundreds of worth millions of dollars had been given away to the horse railroad companies, which would be worth a penny whatever. We are unfortunately now obliged to incur a debt, which our posterity must pay, and the fact was now given out that the whole power of our children to pay that debt. Fortunately there was one remedy left—appeal to the good sense of the organic law of our State—which could not be frittered away by legislation. That night was to take back the votes which had been cast by the Legislature, and to appeal to the Supreme Court to see if that the Common Council did not barter it away. It consulted them to discussing rights—not that these rights might not be taken away by any act of them whatever. He would not further detain them; he asked if the committee went to Springfield were ready to report their action in the matter. If so, it was then in order.

Wirt Dexter, Esq., chairman of the committee, then read the following report, being frequently interrupted by the applause of the audience during the delivery. The report was received and adopted by those who voted against the bill on its final passage, drew down hisses in plenty on the heads of those concerned:

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE AGAINST THE HORSE RAILROAD.

Fellow citizens:

The undersigned, a Committee by your appointment, to bear to the Governor your protest and petition against the passage of the Horse Railroad Bill, having discharged their duty, would respectfully report the circumstances attending their mission:

Immediately after the passage of the bill over the veto of the Governor, a meeting of the members of the Committee presented to him the petition of the citizens of Chicago praying for the veto of the bill, which then awaited only his signature to become a law. He received the petition with a courteous manner, but while extending to them every consideration due to aspect, and apparently desirous of obtaining all the reasons for the action of the people, he nine thousand petitioners, yet at the same time calm and dignified in the manner in which he also the arguments presented by the advocates of the bill. In short, disposed to maintain by the veto the rights of the people, but at the same time impressible and impartial judgment so becoming the functionary of a great state. The members of the Committee who had been present at the passage of the bill, accompanying its return to the Legislature, had witnessed the unanimity of feeling and the fearless fidelity to the interests of the people, which characterized the action of your Committee, as originally appointed, and, if the undersigned may be allowed the expression of the opinion, the unanimous verdict of the people of Chicago, that the bill was a corrupt and unconstitutional measure, which should be vetoed if the Governor had the courage to do his duty, and which, if passed over the veto, would be justly condemned by the people, and should be repealed at the earliest moment possible.

Your Committee, in surrendering the trust which they undertook to perform, cannot but regret that they have been unable to avert the evil which they so much deprecated. They can justly claim, that with an eye single to your interests, they sought to avert the calamity which now impends over you, and that they